

'80,000 Iranians in latest offensive'

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq threw 10 divisions with more than 80,000 men into its latest offensive around the northern Iraqi town of Penjwin, the Iraqi weekly magazine Alif Ba said Wednesday. Iraq launched its attack in the area, about 310 kilometres northeast of Baghdad, on Oct. 19 saying its major objectives were to put the Iranian border towns of Baneh and Marivan out of Iraqi artillery range and cut supply routes to anti-Tehran rebels from Iraq. Alif Ba said that despite the enormous number of soldiers thrown into the battle, the Iraqis failed to achieve their goals and break through Iraqi defences. The weekly also said the Iraqis lost 30,000 men in the latest offensive, bringing their losses to more than 145,000 dead since Iraq pulled back to its international border last year and to 300,000 since the start of the war in September 1980.

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Aziz: Super Etendards in Iraq

PARIS (R) — France delivered five Super Etendard fighter-bombers to Iraq last month. Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz said in a newspaper interview to be published today (Thursday). Mr. Aziz told the pro-Socialist daily Le Matin that bilateral relations between France and Iraq went through difficult times and the delivery of the warplanes proved one of the thorniest issues of the moment. "Today Iraq is completely satisfied as the French government met its obligations by delivering the planes during the month of October," Mr. Aziz was quoted as saying. "The planes are now in Iraq," he added. A spokesman for the Defence Ministry refused to confirm or deny the report and said a communiqué might be issued later.

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Hague allows PLO to set up office

AMMAN (Petra) — The Dutch foreign minister was quoted by a Kuwaiti newspaper Wednesday as saying that his government has given its consent for the opening of an office in the Hague for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). Al Anba newspaper quoted the minister as saying his country sympathises with the Palestinian people and their sufferings and this has prompted the Dutch government to allow the PLO to open its office to conduct its activities with total freedom.

2 bombs go off in South Lebanon

SIDON, Lebanon (R) — Two bombs exploded in Israeli-held southern Lebanon Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning, wounding seven Lebanese, local security sources said. The sources said one Israeli soldier was wounded at dawn while defusing a third device, planted on the coast road north of the port of Tyre.

Klibi starts Mideast tour

TUNIS (R) — Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi left Tunis Wednesday for Syria, Jordan and Iraq to prepare for the next Arab summit in Riyadh, league sources said. The Arab summit was to have been held this month but official Saudi sources have indicated that it may be postponed until December.

Sheikh Sabah to visit Syria

BAHRAIN (R) — Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah was due to leave for Damascus Wednesday night as part of efforts by Gulf states to reconcile Syria and neighbouring Iraq, the Bahrain-based Gulf news agency reported.

U.K. trade minister to visit Mideast

LONDON (R) — Trade Minister Paul Channon, seeking to boost Britain's exports, Wednesday announced a week-long visit to the Middle East and Cyprus. The Department of Trade and Industry said he would arrive in Iraq on Sunday, going on to Kuwait next Tuesday and to Cyprus on Friday.

Colombo imposes press censorship

COLOMBO (R) — Sri Lanka's government Wednesday reimposed censorship on press coverage of guerrilla activity, ethnic tension and security in a move it said was intended to help prevent fresh communal violence.

Egypt marks 51st year of air force

BELBEIS AIR BASE, Egypt (R) — Egypt Wednesday marked the 51st anniversary of the founding of its air force with a display of warplanes from suppliers as diverse as the Soviet Union, the United States, China and France.

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Curfew imposed on Palestinian camps Israeli forces close Bethlehem University

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli occupation forces Wednesday closed Bethlehem University for two months and placed five Palestinian refugee camps in the West Bank under curfew to curb possible violent anti-Israeli demonstrations, the army said.

Israel's top officer in the occupied West Bank ordered closure of the university after troops clashed Tuesday with students protesting at the arrest of eight student activists. The eight have been accused of anti-Israeli incitement and possession of "subversive" literature. Troops were out in force in the West Bank Wednesday in case of violent protests marking the anniversary of the 1917 Balfour Declaration, which lent British support to the idea of a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

The declaration, contained in a letter from the then British foreign secretary, A.J. Balfour, to Zionist leader Baron Rothschild in 1917, offered the Jews "a national homeland in Palestine." This declaration, issued simultaneously with "British promises of independence to the Arabs of Palestine, who fought along with British forces against the Germans and the Ottoman Empire, cleared the way for world Zionist organisations to press on with their claim to Palestine.

Palestinian universities in the West Bank have long been a centre for anti-occupation activities. Last year occupation forces reacted by closing the campuses for long periods. The military Tuesday herded students into the campus and held them there for six hours after protesters hurled rocks at Israeli vehicles and tried to march on the town square.

Cuban diplomats ordered out of Grenada

HAVANA (R) — Grenada's governor general has given Cuban diplomats 24 hours to leave the island, but they will stay until all Cubans held there are sent home, the government said Wednesday. The official statement followed a report by the Canadian Press News Agency that Governor General Sir Paul Scoon had severed diplomatic ties with the Soviet Union and Libya and had asked the Cuban ambassador to leave.

The agency quoted Sir Paul as saying Grenada was not severing diplomatic ties with Havana but wanted the ambassador to leave "because his activities were not compatible with his status as an ambassador." The government here said a note telling the Cubans to leave had been delivered to its embassy on the island last Tuesday afternoon. But Havana had instructed the 14 diplomats to stay in Grenada until Cubans held prisoner, wounded or killed in the defence of the island were repatriated, it said. The government added that it had told the U.S. interests section here in reply: "Cuba holds the government of the United States responsible for what might occur to the diplomats and the embassy on Grenada."

Jamaica expels 4 Soviets

KINGSTON (R) — Jamaica announced Tuesday night it was expelling four Soviet diplomats and a Cuban journalist for allegedly spying and conspiring to murder a female foreign affairs official. In a statement to parliament, Prime Minister Edward Seaga also announced the closure of the Kingston bureau of the Cuban news agency, Prensa Latina, and the sacking of a Foreign Ministry protocol division officer, Joseph Bewly.

camp and the central market area of Nablus after Palestinians staged demonstrations and threw rocks at Israeli vehicles.

In East Jerusalem, Arab merchants closed their shops in a commercial strike to mark the Balfour Declaration anniversary. Israeli police on horseback patrolled the streets.

2 U.N. schools closed

Israeli troops closed for a month two schools run by the United Nations World Work and Relief Agency in Kalandia refugee camp after a civilian was injured in stoning incidents Tuesday. It was the first time Israel had closed a U.N. school.

In the village of Si'ir, near Hebron, Israeli troops shot a Palestinian youth in the hand when they opened fire to disperse violent demonstrators, the state radio reported.

Brother Scanlan said university students organised a "Palestinian Heritage" exhibition two weeks ago which he described as 90 per cent cultural, with farm implements, costumes and art work. "There were the inevitable political slogans and some of the usual political literature," he said. "But it really wasn't the essence of the thing."

Troops with a search warrant confiscated a Palestinian flag, several posters and some literature and later detained 14 student leaders. Brother Scanlan said, Ten were later released but eight were still in custody, he added. "You really could not call it a demonstration. Unfortunately it met with the severest punishment of students. That started the escalations," he said.

The military command alleged the university administration had prior knowledge that the exhibition would include what it called inflammatory material.

Brother Scanlan denied this, saying: "No university could guarantee that there won't be things like this on any side of a conflict."

Missile launchers arrive at Greenham

LONDON (R) — A second U.S. Air Force transport plane landed Wednesday at a British airbase where cruise missiles will soon be stationed and watching protesters said two mobile launchers were unloaded.

The first plane flew in Tuesday to deliver equipment for the U.S. nuclear missiles, sparking new protests from the women who have been camping outside Greenham Common Airbase 80 kilometres west of London for more than two years.

Six women were arrested overnight after they were caught trying to cut down part of the perimeter fence.

Blasts rock Durban as whites vote

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Twin bomb explosions shook the city of Durban Wednesday just before White South Africans began voting in a referendum on whether to give limited political power to Indians and coloureds (people of mixed race).

No one was injured in the blasts, one at a bus depot and the other at a police car pound. But tight security was enforced to cope with the early heavy turnout of voters among South Africa's 4.5 million whites.

Law and Order Minister Louis

le Grange had warned earlier that black nationalist guerrillas of the African National Congress (ANC) would try to disrupt the poll and violent means.

The outlawed ANC is pledged to overthrowing white minority rule.

Whites are deciding whether to approve a controversial new constitution that allows Indians and coloureds to share some power with them while continuing to exclude South Africa's black majority. The black community makes up more than 70 per cent of the population.

MX funding cut refused

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. House of Representatives refused Tuesday to cut funding for the MX missile, handing President Reagan a major victory.

The 217-208 vote came on an amendment to the \$246 billion defence appropriations bill for 1984. Final passage of the bill is expected Wednesday.

The house vote on the MX came amid heightened protests in the United States and Europe over NATO plans to station U.S.-built



The Jordanian ambassador to Italy, Tayseer Touqan, who was brought to Amman Wednesday following an attempt on his life last week, is received by senior officials at the airport (Petra photo)

Hassan returns

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan returned to Amman Wednesday from Paris after delivering a speech at the 22nd conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

In his speech, Prince Hassan conveyed to the participants greetings from His Majesty King Hussein and wished the delegates success.

Prince Hassan was met upon return by Royal Court Chief Ahmad Al Lawzi, Court Minister Amer Khammash, Interior Minister Ahmad Obeidat and senior officials.

Ramadan lauds Jordan's stand

BAGHDAD (Petra) — Iraqi First Deputy Premier Taha Yassin Ramadan Wednesday praised His Majesty King Hussein and the Jordanian people for their support for Iraqi people in their defence of the Arab Nation against the Iranian aggression.

Mr. Ramadan was speaking at a meeting with Jordan's Industry and Trade Minister Walid Aslour with whom he discussed Jordanian-Iraqi economic co-operation.

Injured envoy brought home

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein was at the Queen Alia International Airport Wednesday to receive Jordan's Ambassador to Italy Tayseer Touqan who returned here for further treatment for wounds suffered in an attempt on his life in Rome last Wednesday, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, reported.

Also at hand to receive Mr. Touqan upon arrival from Rome were the Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem and senior Jordanian officials.

Mr. Touqan was later transferred to King Hussein Medical Centre.

Ambassador Touqan, 57, was hit in the shoulder, leg and hands.

Mrs. Touqan and two Jordanian doctors, who were assigned by the government to help Italian doctors in treating the wounded envoy, also returned to Amman with Mr. Touqan.

Rival Lebanese factions reaffirm Arab identity

GENEVA (R) — Leaders of Lebanon's feuding factions Wednesday completed the first task in their reconciliation talks by finding a common formula to define their country's links with the Arab World.

Government spokesman Farouk Jabre said in a statement the nine chiefs had unanimously agreed on a text but would not release it till later in the conference.

Conference sources said the formula declared that Lebanon was "committed to all the charters of the Arab League ... and the state embodies these principles in all fields without exception."

The text was a compromise worked out Wednesday morning after a four-man commission set up Tuesday floundered on a dispute over how far Lebanon should be integrated into the Arab World.

But the reference to Arab League charters would commit Lebanon to the Joint Arab Defence Pact and possibly imply abrogation of the Lebanese-Israeli troop withdrawal agreement, a major bone of contention at the conference.

The nine politicians, with President Amin Gemayel in the chair, agreed on the text at a two-hour morning session. They met again at 5 p.m. (1600 GMT) and conference sources said they might then move on to the Israeli agreement, signed under U.S. sponsorship last May but never fully ratified by Beirut.

According to the sources, opposition leader Walid Junblatt, star of the opposition bench, walked out of the talks towards the end of the session Wednesday after a heated exchange with Pierre Gemayel, father of the president and founder of the predominantly Christian right-wing Falangist Party.

The United States, represented behind the scenes here by special Middle East envoy Richard P. Harbo, has urged the Lebanese politicians to put the agreement aside for fear it may wreck the conference.

Lebanese rivals talk straight; Released hostages leave besieged Shouf town, page 2

GCC plans joint action if Iran closes Hormuz

DOHA (R) — Oman's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Yousef Al Alawi said Wednesday Gulf states would take joint action if Iran carried out a threat to close the Strait of Hormuz.

Describing the possible closure of the strait at the head of the Gulf as "a national disaster," Mr. Alawi told a news conference reported by the Jatar News Agency that the Iranian action would lead to intervention by what he called various colonialist powers.

"Gulf states will discuss this issue and will take joint action if the strait is closed," he said without elaborating.

Iran has threatened to close the channel if its war enemy Iraq disrupts Iranian oil shipments.

Mr. Alawi was speaking between sessions of a foreign ministers' meeting of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), in preparation for a council summit starting next Monday.

The GCC groups Saudi Arabia, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, U.A.E., Qatar, Bahrain and Kuwait.

Referring to what he said were recent Iranian violations of Omani airspace, Mr. Alawi said they were not dangerous but would be discussed by Gulf leaders at the summit.

"We have no indication that there are military buildups as those which preceded the Iran-Iraq war, but there are troops facing us across the waterway," he added.

The U.A.E. minister of state for foreign affairs, Rashid Al Abdullah, said earlier that the Gulf states would resume efforts to narrow Arab differences ahead of a pan-Arab summit proposed for Riyadh later this month.

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NRA: Shale to yield 800m tonnes of oil

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Natural Resources Authority (NRA) estimates that 800 million tonnes of oil can be extracted from shale found at Jurf Al Darawish to southern Jordan. NRA director of geological research and mining, Dr. Mohammad Abu Ajamieh, said that the region's shale reserves are estimated at 14 billion tonnes.

The West German consortium of Kloeckner Industrie-Anlagen, which conducted a feasibility study on the region's resources, recommended that 55 wells be drilled in the region of Lajjun to help in estimating the amounts of shale oil.

So far 15 such wells have been drilled reaching to a depth of 545

metres in addition to four others reaching to 146 metres deep. Mr. Abu Ajamieh said.

In the central regions of Jordan, Mr. Ajamieh added, the NRA conducted research at Al Sulaymaneh where it drilled 20 wells reaching to a depth of 1,900 metres.

However, samples of shale oil taken from Al Hasa are not encouraging but work is continuing in other places, Mr. Ajamieh continued.

Oil shale is also found in varying quantities near Irbid, Ramtha and Amman and in other regions in Jordan in addition to the Lajjun deposits which, according to estimates, should yield about 21 gallons of oil for each tonne of shale.

Hoteliers elect new board

AMMAN (J.T.) — An administrative council for the Jordanian Hoteliers Club was elected Sunday along with the reelection of Mr. Zuhair Ajlouni as president of the club and the Jordanian Hotels Association.

Ahmad Arar was elected as the first deputy and Osama Dabbas as an undersecretary, with Aref Abu Ali as treasurer and Ibrahim Saadeh as secretary.

Hassan Kabarti, Musa Naber and Khalil Adwan were elected as ordinary members of the board of directors.

The club is considered to be the first professional club to be established in Jordan which holds many activities in the service of the hotel industry in Jordan.

Jordan registers Turkish earthquake

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Natural Resources Authority (NRA) registered Sunday's earthquake in north-eastern Turkey which killed more than 1300 people, according to an NRA spokesman.

The spokesman said that the earthquake, which hit the Erzurum region, was registered by the Ajloun station in the north and the

Mikawer station in the south.

He revealed that Jordan experiences daily tremors but, because they are all light ones, people do not feel them.

In order to monitor earthquakes in Jordan, the NRA set up a network of stations around the country and is currently carrying out a second phase of station

building, the spokesman said.

All the tremors, he said, will from now on be registered automatically and stored in a computer. Information gathered on the computers will be especially useful to planners building dams, power stations and bridges and can also be beneficial in locating minerals in Jordan, the spokesman said.

Asfour opens Baghdad fair pavilion

BAGHDAD (J.T.) — Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour Tuesday opened Jordan's pavilion at the Baghdad International Fair

in which 63 nations are participating.

Jordan is exhibiting mostly industrial products at the fair, where goods and manufactured products from 1,441 companies are being displayed.

Mr. Asfour also attended the formal opening of the fair and, together with other delegates, called on President Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi head of

state.

In a speech at the meeting, Mr. Asfour paid tribute to Iraq's national policies and referred in particular to Iraq's receptivity towards peaceful bids to end the Gulf War.

Later on, Mr. Asfour met his Iraqi counterpart Hassan Ali and discussed with him issues pertaining to Jordanian-Iraqi economic relations.

Committee appeals to A. League

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Arab Higher Committee for Palestine Wednesday issued an appeal to all Arab countries and to the Arab League to stop all attempts to interfere in Palestinian affairs and destroy the Palestine Liberation Organisation's legitimate leadership.

The statement, issued on the 66th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration, also denounced the attempts on the life of Jordanian ambassadors to India and Italy as criminal acts.

The statement paid tribute to the Arab inhabitants in the occupied Arab lands and praised their sacrifices and their struggle against the arbitrary measures of the occupation forces.

Ambassador meets Korean president

SEOUL (Petra) — The newly appointed Jordanian Ambassador to South Korea, Sa'd Al Bataineh, presented his credentials to the Korean President Choo Doo Hwan Tuesday.

Mr. Bataineh conveyed His Majesty King Hussein's greetings to the Korean president and his wishes to the people of Korea for continued progress and prosperity.

The Korean head of state replied by asking the ambassador to convey his good wishes for good health to the King and his greetings to the people of Jordan.

Triplets born

ZARQA (J.T.) — A woman in Zarqa Tuesday gave birth to triplets: Two boys weighing 1.5 kgs and 1.35 kgs and a girl weighing 1.45 kgs.

A report in Al Ra'i newspaper Wednesday said that the mother and babies are doing well. This is the third birth for the 29-year-old Mrs. Fayrouz Ahmad Suleiman whose pregnancy lasted only 32 weeks.

The delivery took place at Al Shafaa hospital in Zarqa.

Student aid president outlines scholarship opportunities

By Aiffah A. Kalouti
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Arab Student Aid International (ASAI) members of the board of trustees in Jordan met here last week with the organisation's President Yusuf Qutub and heard a report about the progress and activities of the organisation.

The ASAI, which has its main office based in New Jersey in the U.S., was established in 1976 with the aim of helping the Arab students who are qualified but financially in need to be able to go to college especially if they are unable to gain acceptance at Arab colleges and universities," Dr. Qutub said.

In an interview with the Jordan Times, Dr. Qutub said that the aim of his visit to Jordan is to discuss with the Amman board matters related to scholarships, in particular to gain approval for scholarships planned for the following year, as well as to establish a new office in Amman.

"We have an office here but we used to share it with the orphan's committee and the establishment of a new office will enable the organisation to provide increased services to the students."

Giving a brief account of the scholarships approved during his meeting in Amman, Dr. Qutub said that 40 scholarships will be given to students attending the University of Jordan and Yarmouk University.

In respect to West Bank and Gaza Strip universities and vocational institutes, he said that there would be 250 scholarships to be distributed amongst the five occupied territory universities undergraduate students.

Dr. Qutub added that 25 scholarships for teachers from universities to attend colleges and universities overseas in order to obtain higher degrees, "provided that they return to teach in the universities and colleges of the West Bank and Gaza" would be made available.

It was also approved that the ASAI will offer 40 scholarships to students to attend vocational and technical institutes in the West

Bank and Gaza.

Briefing the Jordan Times on the organisation itself, Dr. Qutub said that ASAI is a non-profit-making organisation and has no affiliations with any government, but is linked to the citizens, businessmen, establishments and corporations contributing financially to it.

Services provided

In respect to the services rendered by the organisation, Dr. Qutub said that the ASAI assists any Arab student who wishes to register in American, Canadian or British colleges or universities.

Another service the organisation gives is that if any student is financially in need and is qualified — that is an 80 per cent average grade in their studies — then they will be eligible for consideration for financial aid in the form of an interest-free loan, the ASAI policy is that the student should return to the Arab World after graduating and repay either the loan or the scholarship.

"Six months after he works, he is expected to begin to pay back in instalments the full amount to the organisation. The recommended payment is 10 per cent of his monthly salary," he said.

Dr. Qutub pointed out that for students from the West Bank and Gaza the scholarship comes in the form of a grant and not a loan but "they are restricted in that they must go back to their country to work there after they graduate; this is to preserve the steadfastness of the people."

The third service that the organisation offers to Arab students is orientation and counselling. "This kind of assistance is given to students before they leave their own country, during their study in the foreign country and after they graduate."

In respect to the service given during the period of study, Dr. Qutub said that they provide students with newsletters, information and advice regarding their studies.

The final service the organisation provides is offering job placement, he said.

Hassan: New body needed to monitor Israeli violations

PARIS (J.T.) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan has called on UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) to stop Israel's drive for changing the basic character of Jerusalem and the other parts of the occupied Arab territories.

Addressing UNESCO's 22nd conference here, Prince Hassan urged the establishment of a neutral body that can monitor such changes and report back to UNESCO.

"UNESCO and other world bodies should take measures designed to protect the cultural, social and economic life of the inhabitants in the occupied territories," Prince Hassan said.

"Indifference on the part of many people to what is happening in the occupied Arab lands and the

apathy displayed in reaction to the violations of human rights are encouraging certain governments to pursue their violations and encroachments, with the result that no nation is taking any measures to alleviate the sufferings of humanity," Prince Hassan said.

The current conference chairman, Minister of Education Sa'id Al Tal, made a speech at the outset of the meeting welcoming Prince Hassan.

Dr. Tal also paid tribute to UNESCO for its concern over

humanitarian issues.

Another speaker at Wednesday's session was Ahmad Mukhtar Imbo, UNESCO's director-general, who praised Prince Hassan's efforts and those of His Majesty King Hussein in furthering the development of Jordan, especially in the field of education.

Later, Prince Hassan met Mr. Imbo with whom he reviewed cooperation between Jordan and UNESCO.

Prince Hassan arrived in Paris Tuesday at the invitation of Mr. Imbo.

He was met by a representative of the French government, Dr. Tal, Jordan's Ambassador to France Hani Al Khasawneh, embassy staff members and several other UNESCO officials.



Dr. Yusuf Qutub

Dr. Qutub explained that this service is open to any Arab student studying in a foreign country, but is mainly geared to students in the U.S. They only have to prepare a curriculum vitae and the organisation will summarise it in a newsletter to be sent to various businesses, governments and universities throughout the Arab World.

He went on to say that the newsletter will include the applicant's picture and whether these students have graduated or are about to graduate.

The aim of this service, he said, is to encourage Arab businessmen to hire these graduates as well as to encourage all graduates to work in the Arab World.

Scholarships and selection

There are two types of scholarships, Dr. Qutub said. The first is in the form of tuition only and is valued at about \$3,000 per year, he said.

Scholarships, in the form of tuition, room and board is valued at \$5,000 per year, he said.

He added that students accepted in high rank colleges and universities like Harvard, Princeton and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "their sch-

olarships would be valued at much more."

Asked about how they choose the universities, Dr. Qutub said that the selection is based on the need of the student regarding the major field of study.

"The organisation is looking more and more into graduating scholars rather than just graduating graduates."

"At the present time the organisation is doing a study on what the Arab students need in the Arab countries for the year 2,000."

In order for the scholarship to be renewable, the student must maintain a B average all through his studies and "as long as he maintains this status, the organisation will assist him until he gets his Ph.D."

Dr. Qutub pointed out that any student who attempts to change his visa status from student to a permanent visa the organisation would cease to aid.

About the organisation's experiences with ASAI students, Dr. Qutub said that, since 1976, "we have had 300 graduates who have returned home working in very good posts and paying their loans regularly."

Student advice

He said that the organisation is looking forward to establishing an ASAI alumni club for "we want these graduates to give orientation and help to students planning to go overseas so as to avoid certain mistakes encountered in the past and at the same time helping graduates when they come back to adjust to the way of life in their country and to help them with employment."

Giving advice to Arab students, Dr. Qutub said that it is preferable that school graduates enrol in local universities and colleges so that they have enough time to improve in their English language. It will also give them time to mature so as to be in a better position to face the many problems that students abroad face, he said.

"Some students going abroad too young end up in junior and community colleges whose standard is not even as high as community colleges in Jordan for example," he explained.

"The credits the student take from his country's college or university will all be transferrable provided that it is of a good score," he said.

Dr. Qutub said in conclusion that he feels proud of the progress the organisation has made so far.

"We have given since 1976, 1,000 scholarships while in the past year 1.1 million in financial aid has been made and that has all come from contributions in the Arab World for which I would like to express the organisation's thanks and appreciation."

Dr. Qutub also expressed his thanks and appreciation to His Royal Highness Prince Turki Bin Abdul Aziz (from Saudi Arabia) as the new chairman of the ASAI's board of trustees.

The ASAI's board of trustees consists of 47 members drawn from Lebanon, Jordan, Kuwait, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, U.S., Sudan, Saudi Arabia and "we are in the process of inviting others", he concluded.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Kuwait pays second grant instalment

AMMAN (J.T.) — Kuwait has transferred to Jordan the second instalment of this year's financial commitment in implementation of the Baghdad Summit resolutions of 1978, according to Ministry of Customs and Finance Under-Secretary Abdul Majid Qasem. Mr. Qasem paid tribute to Kuwait for its support to Jordan and its keenness to honour its national commitments.

Phosphate rail freight figures released

AMMAN (Petra) — The Aqaba Railway Corporation transported a quarter of a million tonnes of phosphates from Al Hasa mines to Aqaba in the past month, according to a spokesman for the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company. He said that, so far this year, the corporation has transported 2,480,910 tonnes while the total amount of phosphates transported to Aqaba last year was only 1,730,313 tonnes.

Development bank gives loans

AMMAN (Petra) — The Cities and Villages Development Bank board has decided to grant 11 village and town councils in Jordan loans totalling JD 216,000, in accordance with a decision taken Wednesday. The board said that the loans will be used to finance developmental and service projects.

Medical exam dates arranged

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan Medical Council (JMC) has decided to hold the third round of its certificate exam on January 2. Meeting under the chairmanship of Health Minister Zuhair Malhas, the council also decided to hold its examinations only twice next year and once a year as of 1985.

ACC aids more farmers

AMMAN (Petra) — The Agricultural Credit Corporation (ACC) board has agreed, at a meeting held Wednesday, to grant loans totalling JD 656,250 to a number of farmers in order to finance 78 agricultural projects. The loans will be used to drill new artesian wells and to build plastic houses in the northern and southern parts of the Jordan Valley.

Rawabdeh returns from visit to Turkey

AMMAN (Petra) — Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh returned home Tuesday after a one-week official visit to Turkey, at the invitation of municipal administrations in Turkey.

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On the occasion of the late Jawaharlal Nehru's birthday, the Haya Arts Centre, Amman, in cooperation with the Embassy of India, is organising a children's painting/drawing competition.

Children between the ages of six to 14 are invited to send painting/drawing entries on Jawaharlal Nehru or any other subject to the Haya Arts Centre, P.O. Box 35002 by 10 a.m. on November 12, 1983.

Name of the winners will be announced by the Haya Arts Centre on November 13 and the prize distribution ceremony will be held on November 14 at 1600 hrs at the centre.

Jawaharlal Nehru, the first prime minister of India, was born on November 14, 1889. He was very fond of children who lovingly called him "Chacha Nehru" i.e. Nehru uncle. His birthday is celebrated in India as Children's Day.

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2 eyes on summit

THE SITUATION in Lebanon, the Iran-Iraq war and the Syrian-Palestinian confrontation are three problems threatening the holding of the 14th Arab summit in Riyadh on schedule this month. Saudi Arabia, which is to host the conference, has been trying for some time now to clear the Arab atmosphere so that the summit, if held, can be successful.

Not all Saudi attempts to reconcile Arab differences on these and other problems have been crowned with success, however, and it is now uncertain whether Riyadh would actually opt to insist on hosting the summit on time.

Saudi Arabia's diplomatic drive in the past few months has focused on the right issues. But, either for Syrian President Hafez Al Assad's intransigent attitude towards Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chairman Yasser Arafat and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein or for otherwise unforeseen reasons, the Saudi efforts aimed at Arab reconciliation have nearly faltered.

Lebanon, and national reconciliation there, has been somewhat different, as far as Saudi-Syrian cooperation is concerned. There, the Syrian president has had a grudge against the Gemayel government, but not big enough a grudge. It seems, to resist Riyadh's efforts to keep Arab consultations on Lebanon going.

For this and the past month, Syria has been employing some intriguing tactics with the Saudi Arabians that might or might not work, depending on real Syrian intentions, in holding or delaying the summit. Assad's major pre-occupation seems to be that of avoiding having to sit down with Arafat around the same table at the Riyadh summit or anywhere. If Assad succeeds in his attempts to strip the PLO chairman of his legitimacy, as he has been trying to do for weeks, then there will be no problem for him to go to Riyadh, and maybe even to contribute to the summit's success. Barring that, the Syrian regime would try everything, including continuing to hold the PLO chairman as a hostage in Tripoli, to prevent the Saudis from holding the summit as planned.

Meanwhile, the Iraq-Iran war, the Syrian blockade of the Iraqi oil pipeline to the Mediterranean and the situation in Lebanon remain thorny and divisive, but apparently not enough so to prevent Assad from travelling to Riyadh to attend the conference.

Where the Saudis can achieve most success in removing the Assad-Arafat obstacle is yet to be found. They have tried the mediation of Arafat's close adviser, Khalid Al Hassan, but the attempt is understood to have failed.

However, Al Hassan is reportedly still in Damascus, and his presence there may mean that not all Saudi energies and hopes for an Assad-Arafat reconciliation have been completely exhausted.

Against this backdrop, we can only have hopes for the future. But, for any tangible results, we will have to wait and see.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Desperate need for action

THE ARAB situation has deteriorated to such a low level that it has driven many friends of the Arabs to desperation due to our attitude and lack of action to deal with our problems in a proper and efficient manner. Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasbi referred to this reality in his statement to the National Consultative Council Monday when he said that many world nations are now indifferent to our issues and our complaints. This attitude is due to our inability and failure to act constructively to regain our rights and handle our problems, and also due to the constant inter-Arab differences divisions. It is true that some countries still offer us words of sympathy and support, but this lip-service and can do nothing to help us achieve our goals. We are a divided nation unable to face this fact and totally lack the means to confront our challenges and acts of aggression against us.

The Palestine problem has acquired so much world attention and the Arabs have won the support of many nations because they have been the victims of aggression. But, because we are not able to do anything, we are gradually losing the support of other nations. We are not able to take one single step in the right direction and this has cost us our credibility in the eyes of many nations. The sad thing about the Arab situation is that the Arabs have been the victims of their own mischief and internal conflicts rather than aggression by external sources. We must act now if we want salvation, otherwise we will suffer more defeats and tragedies that will affect our generations to come.

Al Dustour: Self-analysis not self-pity

THE BALFOUR Declaration's 60th anniversary Wednesday prompts us to look back and study carefully the situation prevailing in the Arab World rather than feel depressed and sad about the tragedies that have befallen the Arabs. Now we look back over the past half century and contemplate the transformation of the Balfour Declaration from a piece of paper into reality and into a Zionist entity threatening the Arab World and its future. We must take lessons from the past and we must try to tackle the present situation. We must examine the methods adopted by our enemy in fulfilling its aims in Palestine and study how the enemy was able to occupy this land and others in the Golan, Lebanon and Sinai.

Of course the enemy was supported and backed by imperialist forces, but the real defeat of the Arab Nation emanates from our weaknesses and divisions. The Balfour Declaration anniversary re-opens our wounds but that declaration should serve as a means of prompting us to work constructively for the future. The Arabs, who have been retarded from taking any action by their own differences, need to conduct a stocktaking of the past events and the present situation in order to try to know where their enemy has been successful while they achieved nothing but failure.

Sawt Al Shaab: Jordan will stand firm

THE ISRAELI propaganda campaign directed against Jordan continues unabated. The Israelis maintain that Jordan is forming a rapid deployment force despite the official denials by Jordan. The campaign has a dual aim: to throw suspicion about Jordan's nationalist stands prior to the summit conference and so drive a wedge between the ranks of the Arab Nation; and to prevent the U.S. from selling Jordan any advanced weapons to defend itself from Zionist aggression. Jordan is really seeking to arm itself with weapons with which to defend its soil and its interests and the arms are needed to improve the capabilities of the armed forces pure and simple.

But everywhere Jordan requests arms from the U.S., the Zionist lobby tries hard to abort that endeavour. The Zionists created a tumult and an outcry in the United States when Jordan requested the Hawk missiles and did the same thing when Saudi Arabia tried to obtain the AWACS planes. Israel aims to prevent any Arab Nation from acquiring arms from any source because it feels these arms will be directed against it in any future conflict.

RED & BLACK

Rich country, poor country

Jawad Ahmad resumes his Thursday column "Red & Black" after an absence of six months.

THE HEAD is dizzy with ideas that could have been written here during the interruption period of six months. Yet, I am sure that the "dizziness" syndrome would not last long. The topic which I shall choose for discussion today is sti-

mulated by the current talk on the size of international debt.

According to the chairman of Manufacturers Hanover, the size of this debt could trigger off another recessionary cycle similar to the one which prevailed after the so-called "oil

crisis" of 1973. Accepting that the gentleman is not committing an "Ergo propter hoc" fallacy, the merit of what he says could be high.

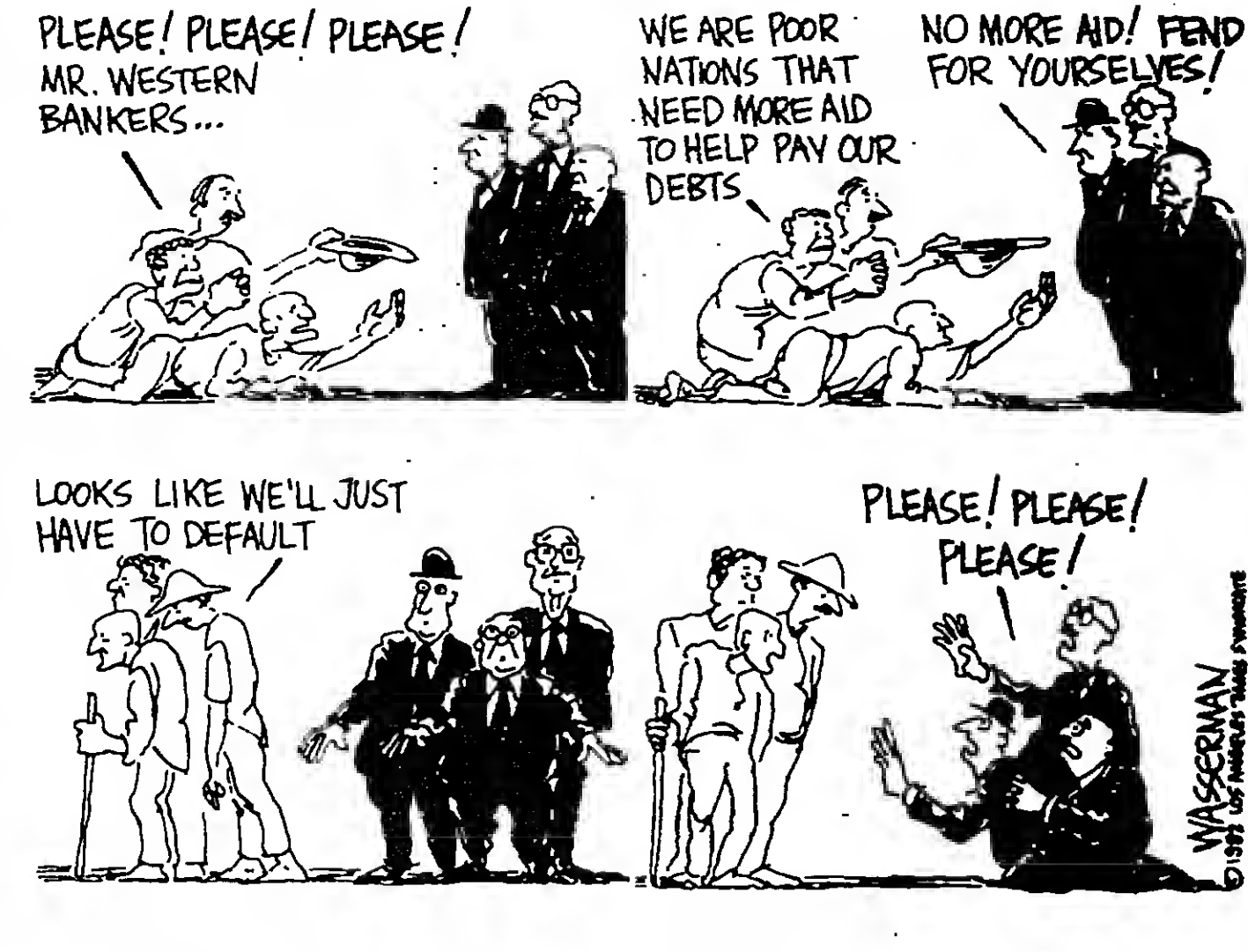
While the world attention is focused on the "Latin" debt, namely that of Brazil, Mexico and Argentina, there is a similar potential one in Pacific Asia and Africa. Multinational

financial corporations and banks are not willing to redeem their "bad-debt" position by dishing out more aid to the ailing economies of the debtor countries. Instead, they have opted for a conservative risk-averse position. This is in alignment with the less sympathetic attitude of the International Monetary Fund

(IMF), which is acting as a go-between and the real carrier of "broke" or "worthless". The role of IMF shall grow because the commercial finance companies accept its verdict on the viability of poor countries with religious adherence.

Unless the world finds a fast solution, it may continue on

resolving on the perimeter of a vicious circle. Poor countries do not receive loans because they are poor, and they are poor because they do not receive aid and loans. Does this state of affairs benefit anybody? For sure, it will eventually spill over to the countries that are afraid their generosity will render them less affluent.



W. German SPD's hostility to missile deployment worries NATO partners

Euphoria about shedding the burdens of government seems to be blinding the West German Social Democrats to their self-inflicted wounds. Jonathan Carr reports.

BONN - A year after losing office, West Germany's Social Democrat Party (SPD) is alienating many of its friends and giving ammunition to its foes.

The party is not just turning its back on the NATO nuclear missiles strategy pressed by its former chancellor, Mr. Helmut Schmidt. It is also undermining some of its own hardest-won achievements of the post-war period. Yet much of the party seems so euphoric about its release from the burden of coalition government that it appears not to notice its self-inflicted wounds.

Naturally, it is the SPD's attitude on the missiles issue which causes most dismay among West Germany's allies, from Socialist France to the Republican-governed U.S.

It is recognised that Chancellor Helmut Kohl's centre-right government has the parliamentary majority, and evidently the political will, to go ahead with deployment of new U.S. missiles by the end of this year. But Western diplomats fear the SPD's growing hostility to the NATO stance may have encouraged the Soviet Union to be less flexible in its negotiations with the U.S. in the hope that deployment might be avoided after all.

From the first, the SPD gave the NATO "twin track" (arm and negotiate) missiles decision of December 1979, only very reluctant support. Mr. Schmidt had

to fight hard and threaten resignation to keep the party behind him. But, since last October, when Mr. Schmidt lost office in a parliamentary no-confidence vote, and especially since March, when the party lost the general election, Social Democrat opposition to the NATO strategy has hardened at breathtaking speed.

One regional SPD organisation after another has come out against deployment. Mr. Willy Brandt, the party chairman, took the same stand in a speech to anti-missile demonstrators in Bonn last month. Mr. Egon Bahr, the party's disarmament expert, recommends the West to accept the Soviet Union's latest offer in the Geneva negotiations.

In these circumstances, the congress this month, at which the SPD is due formally to decide its attitude on the missiles issue, has come to seem superfluous.

Mr. Schmidt is expected to repeat at the congress that he considers the "twin track" decision correct and will stick to it (despite his belief that the superpowers wasted too much time before and during the negotiations). He is likely to be supported by a minority of others, including Mr. Hans Apel, the former defence minister. But the party mood is now heavily against them.

It would be wrong to suggest that the SPD leadership actively pressed the party to oppose deployment. On the contrary, the



executive recommended that the issue be kept open until the result of the negotiations is known. But it did so with such evident lack of enthusiasm that it is little wonder its advice has been ignored. The rank-and-file made the running and the "leadership" came floundering in behind.

Mr. Brandt must bear much of the responsibility for this gradual breakdown of authority. Few would deny he has shown courage and the best of intentions as a former governing mayor of Berlin and as chancellor. But he seems temporarily attracted to ambiguity. "I believe in diversity and hence in doubt," he admitted in his speech on receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1971. It is a quality which appeals to many people, but it is clearly a dangerous one for a leader of a great party.

Since the SPD lost power, Mr. Brandt has been stressing that "there is a majority to the left" of Chancellor Kohl's Christian Democratic Union (CDU). This is taken to mean that if the SPD could scoop up those voters now supporting the radical Greens, as well as disaffected left-wing liberals, it would come riding back to office.

This is a dangerous assumption. In the March general election, the

party won 38.2 per cent of the vote and the Greens 5.6 per cent, against 48.8 per cent for the CDU and its Bavarian ally the Christian Social Union. The Liberal Free Democrats (FDP), who had switched from the SPD to support Mr. Kohl, won seven per cent.

In the words, the "majority to the left" did not exist - indeed it was even less available than the figure above imply. For if the SPD had radically adapted its policies to absorb Greens voters, it would certainly have lost more of its traditional middle-of-the-road supporters. The march result simply confirmed a message delivered time and again by West German voters - that elections are won neither on the "left" nor the "right," but in the centre.

It is a message the SPD now seems in grave danger of forgetting, despite its own bitter experience. The Social Democrats were in opposition for 17 years continuously - from 1949 to 1966. For the first 10 years they were not only advocating radical left-wing economic policies but bitterly opposed West German rearmament and NATO membership. For much of the time they could muster only around 30 per cent of the vote.

U.S. takes good care of Asian allies' safety

By John Rogers
 Reuters

LONDON - While Western and Soviet attention is focused on the December deployment of U.S. missiles in Europe, Asian countries are worried about a buildup of Soviet nuclear weapons in their own backyard.

Moscow is expanding its arsenal of mobile, accurate, triple-warhead SS-20 missiles in Soviet Asia, Japanese and western arms experts report.

In working out its bargaining positions in "Euromissile" talks in Geneva, the United States says it has been careful to take account of the security concerns of Japan, a firm ally pledged not to develop nuclear weapons itself.

It is also aware of the matching concerns of China, which is exploring arms purchases from Washington while seeking to mend

fences with Moscow after years of confrontation.

Japanese leaders have publicly accepted U.S. assurances on the issue, and President Reagan will stress his awareness of their security fears when he visits Tokyo next month.

"We do not intend to forget them in all of this," a U.S. official in London says. "That is certainly an important part of his trip."

Japan, China and smaller Asian nations friendly to the West, such as South Korea, the Philippines and Thailand, need reassurance because Moscow's Asian-based SS-20s, about one-third of its total arsenal of more than 350 such weapons, are an important bargaining chip in the Geneva talks.

"They don't like loose talk about scrapping missiles in Europe and not in Asia," says a western military analyst. "And they don't like the idea of SS-20's pul-

led out of Europe being wheeled to the Far East."

Soviet President Yuri Andropov sought to remove Japanese and Chinese fears last August, saying that SS-20s removed from Europe under a U.S.-Soviet agreement to limit medium-range missiles would be destroyed, not moved to Soviet Asia.

Japan welcomed the pledge with reservations. Western officials were quick to point out that it would not preclude Moscow's stationing brand new SS-20s in Asia because a freeze on SS-20 deployments in 1982 applied only to European regions of the Soviet Union.

Japan reported this month that the Soviet Union was already building up its Asian arsenal of SS-20s, the most modern Soviet mid-range land-based missile.

The Japanese Defence Ministry said three new SS-20 bases were

being built in the Far East, each capable of launching nine missiles. They would take the number of SS-20s in the Soviet Far East from 108 to 135, a senior ministry official said.

The Soviet Union says its missile force in Asia is needed to counter U.S. nuclear weapons in Japan and South Korea and on the Indian Ocean island base of Diego Garcia. It says Soviet targets throughout Siberia and Soviet Asia are in range.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko prompted a swift Japanese denial and protest last April when he described Japan's southern island of Okinawa as a huge nuclear weapons base.

Mr. Gromyko accused the United States of seeking to drag Asia into the Geneva negotiations on missile levels to Europe. "Why should we drag Asia into this?" he asked.

By Jawad Ahmad

Too many cars, meagre revenue

By Tareq Masarweh
 Al Ra'i columnist

THE MULTITUDE of cars used by University of Jordan's students prompts us to call on the government to double the customs duty imposed on the importation of cars. Wealthy citizens who pay JD 4,000 to buy cars for their 17-year-old sons and daughters could easily afford to pay JD 6,000. By increasing customs duty on private cars we should achieve a social balance between the children of the rich and those of needy farmers and bedouins.

The increase in customs duty would no doubt leave the government with sufficient funds to spend on the maintenance of roads, highways and intersections with the purpose of facilitating the flow of cars and easing traffic congestion on the university road.

In the United States as well as other countries, drivers are required to pay fees for using multi-lane highways and the money is collected for the government by a firm which also undertakes road maintenance operations.

The Ministries of Transport and Public Works should have foreseen the heavy transport along the Desert Highway to Ajlun and should have studied very carefully all implications and consequences of allowing heavy-load lorries to run on that highway causing severe damage to the road. Thousands of such lorries have been allowed to run along that road, everyday but, regrettably, no proper control measures have been imposed on their weights or their loads. The government should have imposed "special fees" on lorries using that road. It is really unreasonable to allow truck-owners to get wealthier everyday while the country is made to suffer. It is also unfair to see a number of wealthy citizens buying cars for the children at the university while

the government is forced to borrow money to build roads for these cars. We would have loved to see our government acting as a "compassionate parent" towards its citizens and carrying out the construction and maintenance of roads without imposing extra tax or fees. But our country is poor and possesses no vast oil fields. Ours is a country that belongs to the Third World, that has meagre natural resources and, therefore, the government should put the citizens face to face with their responsibilities. I suggest the government double customs duty on the importation of luxury products. Cars and lorries must finance the construction and maintenance of roads in the country, and citizens have to pay duty for purchasing refrigerators, washing machines, television and video sets. Those who really benefit from electricity are those who buy electrical appliances and equipment. Those who benefit most from water, especially the rich and those who own big gardens, should be made to pay for the cost of drawing water to the city and for supplying villages with water. Farmers in the Jordan Valley should be charged the cost of maintaining irrigation canals and agricultural roads. Citizens who build homes that cost one million dinars should be made to pay to the municipality, at least half the cost of building the wide street that runs in front of their luxurious residence, and for the trees planted along-side that street. Municipalities should be granted the power to collect tax and the government should amend outdated laws so as to make them more suitable for the new situation and the realities of the modern age.

We are invited to create new concepts of a modern state in which responsible citizens interact and fully cooperate with a responsible government to achieve progress in various fields.

Other Caribbeans are at odds with Reaganomics

By Keith Grant
 Reuters

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados - The U.S. invasion of Grenada is likely to prove a severe test of unity in the English-speaking Caribbean and raise questions over the balance of power in the region, according to diplomats.

U.S. forces and troops from six Caribbean states are mopping up final pockets of resistance on Grenada, ending an eventful chapter in the history of the small spice island which saw a military coup and the death of Prime Minister Maurice Bishop last week.

As U.S. military transport planes evacuated some 500 American citizens, rumbles of opposition to the invasion began to be heard in neighbouring Caribbean countries.

Mr. Bishop's leftist policies and failure to hold elections had been a major headache for the 13 former British colonies that form the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). But the group held back from intervening in Grenada's internal affairs.

The American strike, Washington's first direct intervention in the region since U.S. Marines landed in the Dominican Republic in 1965, has not won total support in the Caribbean.

Guyana, the only CARICOM member to have opposed Grenada's suspension from the 10-year-old grouping last week, condemned the invasion. Trinidad

and Tobago also denounced it. Guyana's President Forbes Burnham said his government would not recognise any Grenada administration installed by U.S. forces and said the participation of Caribbean troops threatened the future of CARICOM.

"It (the invasion) has caused very sharp division and it is not possible for CARICOM leaders to meet at this time," he told a press conference in Georgetown Sunday.

Prime Minister George Chambers voiced Trinidad and Tobago's disapproval when he told parliament that "military intervention had been imported into the Commonwealth Caribbean". He regretted a purely CARICOM diplomatic solution was not pursued.

The plan worked out last week between Jamaica, Barbados and some of the Eastern Caribbean islands went well beyond previous CARICOM policy statements and threatened to create a serious rift in the organisation, diplomats said.

Mr. Chambers said the invasion had created a dangerous precedent in the region and that a decision to send troops to Grenada should have been put to CARICOM parliaments.

At its last summit meetings in Jamaica, in November 1982, and Trinidad last July, CARICOM passed resolutions rejecting outside intervention into member-countries' affairs.

Offstage bickering flares for women's involvement as Bavarian village prepares for 1984 Passion play

By Karl Stankiewicz

The villagers of the Bavarian alpine village of Oberammergau first performed their Passion play in 1634, a year after a plague had swept through the community. It has been performed at regular intervals for more than 300 years. Next year, a Passion play will commemorate the 350th anniversary of the first performance. As preparations grow, a curious off-stage drama is in the making. It involves an old rule that forbids women to take part unless they are under 35 and unmarried.

Bavarian Constitutional Court judges will shortly rule on whether women are entitled to take part in the Oberammergau Passion play if they are married and over 35.

The time-honored rule, reaffirmed by a July 1982 parish council ruling for the 1984 Passion play, says women actors must be spinsters of unblemished reputation and under 35.

After two hours of discussion at their latest hearing the panel of nine judges are to issue a final ruling on December.

The case was taken to court by Oberammergau carpenter Xavier Seemüller, 54, who felt the traditional stipulation was a breach of fundamental civil rights.

Dressed in a grey loose jacket typical of Austria and southern Germany and graced by the long beard one has come to expect of the Passion play villagers, Seemüller told the court personally and without legal assistance why he had sought its assistance.

As a child, in 1934, he had wanted to take part in the play. He was allowed to grow his hair long. Then, one day, his enraged father had shorn his locks.

The parish council had suddenly ruled that only children aged at least six could take part, and

Xaver was still a five-year-old. This was something he had never forgotten because the fee earned by children who took part 50 years ago was more than his father earned in a month.

With the passage of time he grew increasingly convinced of a viewpoint he put like this: "Whenever money is at stake, restrictions are imposed on those entitled to take part, and I don't like it."

In 1975, for instance, the parish council gave the go-ahead for a play with no restrictions whatever, but only because no fees were to be paid for rehearsals.

As it happened, 7,000 people turned up to take part; for nothing except, perhaps, the greater glory of God.

For the regular Passion play as performed every 10 years there has, however, been an unwritten rule that women may only take part if they are unmarried and under 35 when the season starts.

In bygone days the rule was even stricter. Women had to be virgins.

Women of whatever age were not allowed to vote in the elections to the play committee, a body that is responsible for casting and for all manner of details before and

after the play season.

Seemüller went to court before the 1980 season, lodging a constitutional appeal against the disfranchisement of women.

The court that is dealing with this latest appeal was unable to arrive at a judgment on votes for women because, it said, there was no legal provision on which it could base a judgement.

If there had been, the court said, an appeal could well have been allowed.

Oberammergau parish council thereupon decided that women were to be given the vote, subject to the restrictions on taking part in the play.

The Passion play committee, if further ruled, was to have both the parish priest and his Protestant counterpart as co-opted members.

The council's decision was pinned to the parish notice board but it could still not be described as a binding legal requirement.

"It's the same old trick," Seemüller told the court, in which as it happens women are no more represented than they are in Oberammergau parish council.

"Why," he asked the blue-robed justices beneath the Bavarian coat of arms, "when a male pensioner can earn an extra DM 8,000 to DM 10,000 as an extra in the Passion play season, can a female pensioner not do so?"

"Why is it that older women and married women can only work as cloakroom and toilet attendants? Why is the cash the play earns not evenly distributed? The chief justice was similarly at a loss to account for this state of affairs. Was it, he wondered, simply that the

people of Oberammergau felt they were a law unto themselves?

Had they given no thought whatever to the idea of equal rights for women in the Passion play? Or were they still of the opinion that a woman's place was in the home?

Maybe, he suggested, a foundation or the villagers as a whole could be entrusted with responsibility for the Passion play. Perhaps it was time for the parish council to stand down.

Helmut Fischer, the lawyer representing the parish council and the 1970 Jesus, said the idea of entrusting someone else with responsibility had been set aside once and for all in 1929.

All attempts by Oberammergau women to gain election to the parish council had likewise failed. He felt this was a great pity, given that women were an "enlivening element and at times also a brake."

As for the restrictions on taking part that applied to women-only, Fischer II (another Oberammergau of the same name, sides with the reformers) argued that they were part of the tradition.

It was, he said, a tradition that had never been called into question by the women themselves. It had also proved necessary.

During the play season women were increasingly needed at home, he argued. They had to look after thousands of visitors.

Besides, his personal impression was the women over 35 were not particularly interested in taking part in the play as members of the cast.

But where they were urgently needed the council was prepared

to make exceptions. Married and older women were allowed to take part in the choir and to make the costumes.

These rules and exceptions had made Herr Seemüller wonder whether the men whose views counted in the village were as pious, God-fearing and honest as they might be.

But the vow the village made 350 years ago after an epidemic of plague, he told the court, was being manipulated for reasons of power politics.

So he now hopes to get equal rights for all villagers vindicated in Munich, though he had originally wanted to take his case straight to the Federal Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe.

But, he added, as a Bavarian citizen he preferred to rely on a Bavarian court. This was a sentiment that met with the court's wholehearted approval.

To begin with, Xavier Seemüller only wanted to end discrimination of women in elections to the Passion play committee, but a reference to the further-reaching consequences was promptly taken up by the court.

The nine judges now propose to rule on whether the exclusion of many village women from the cast can be reconciled with constitutional guarantees of equal rights.

It is doubtful whether the court's ruling will come in time to have the slightest effect on the 1984 season. Seats for all performances have already sold out. — Allgemeine Zeitung Mainz.



The Virgin Mary, Mary Magdalene, and Jesus in the 1980 Passion play (above) and a scene from the 1960 production (below).



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Ministry aims to develop soccer, Abu Nowar says

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Culture and Youth Ma'an Abu Nowar said here Tuesday night that the aims of his ministry and those of the Jordanian Football Federation (JFF) are to develop soccer in Jordan and recruit youths and sportsmen that can represent and serve their country and society and set a good example to others in this field.

Speaking in an interview broadcast by Jordan Television, Mr. Abu Nowar said that his ministry is keen on developing the psychological fitness of players to enable them to present a brave and sportsmanlike performance on the field; and it is also interested in developing in the players a spirit of competence, a sense of belonging and cooperation.

In the interview conducted by a number of reporters for the daily newspapers Mr. Abu Nowar said that in 1980, Jordan had 30 clubs and 2,000 players and 20 referees, and their activities were limited. At present, he said, Jordan has 133 sports clubs and 100 referees of whom seven are recognised inter-

ationally. The number of football players registered with the JFF now stands at 8,127 who use 45 playgrounds in the country, the minister added.

Referring to the competitions in which the players take part, the minister said that the JFF organises: The Jordan Cup, The JFF Shield, and Cup Winners Cup competitions.

Al Hajri leads the field in Oman rally

AMMAN (J.T.) — Gulf Champion Said Al Hajri of Qatar and his British co-driver John Spiller head the field for the three-day Oman international Car Rally starting Wednesday night over 1,750 kms (1,093 miles) of rugged mountains and desert, reports received here Wednesday said.

Thirty-one cars are due to set out on the first 660-km (412 mile) leg of the rally, part of the annual Gulf Rally Challenge.

Visiting Chinese volleyball team beats Yarmouk

IRBID (J.T.) — The visiting Chinese universities volleyball team beat Yarmouk University team 3-0 in a friendly match held at Yarmouk University Tuesday. The Chinese won 15-4, 15-3, 15-4.

Earlier Tuesday the Chinese delegation attended a press conference with members of the Jordanian Volleyball Federation. The federation's Chairman Mohammad Bazadough made a brief speech welcoming the Chinese delegation in Jordan. "The federation is keen on maintaining cooperation in sports affairs with friendly nations," he said.

The delegation's visit is in implementation of a cultural protocol between Jordan and the People's Republic of China.

The federation has drawn up a programme for the delegation to tour the country. This entails visits to tourist and archaeological places in addition to playing four matches at the Sports City, the University of Jordan and Yarmouk University.

At the press conference the head of the Chinese delegation

emphasised that the visit is for an exchange of experience and expertise with the purpose of improving volleyball standards and also for bolstering relations between Jordan and China.

According to the cultural attaché at the Chinese Embassy here, China had dispatched a volleyball coach who worked for two years with the Jordanian Armed Forces. China is willing to send another coach if requested, he said. Next year, however, China will send to Jordan handball and athletics coaches in implementation of the cultural agreement, he said.

Vengsarkar saves 2nd innings collapse

NEW DELHI (R) — A solid unbeaten 58 from Dilip Vengsarkar rescued India after their second innings tottered on the brink of collapse on the fourth day of the second cricket test against West Indies here on Wednesday.

Vengsarkar produced a determined and patient display to steady the Indians after they lost three wickets — including opener Anshuman Gaekwad and Yashpal Sharma in the same over-for 73 runs shortly before tea.

At the close the Indians, with Roger Binny also not out three, were a respectable 145 for four-a-lead of 225 — with the match heading for a draw.

Borg comes out of retirement to play in world mixed doubles

HOUSTON, Texas (R) — Five times Wimbledon Champion Bjorn Borg has interrupted his retirement to play in the \$400,000 World Mixed Doubles Championship this week, but says he does not plan to return to the men's tour.

"I am very happy with the way things are for me right now," Borg, 27, said. "I don't miss tennis that much. I don't plan to make any comeback but I will stay involved with tennis."

"I might play a few small tournaments if I feel like it. I'll do a few things every year," he said.

Asked if he had played for the last time at Wimbledon, where he set a record five consecutive wins from 1976 to 1980, he replied: "Yes, I could say that. There's no way you can just jump in and play a tournament like Wimbledon."

Borg is teamed with West Germany's Bettina Bunge in the World Mixed Doubles Tournament, which will pay \$100,000 to the winner. They will play their first match Thursday night against American Marty Riessen and Chinese defector Hu Na.

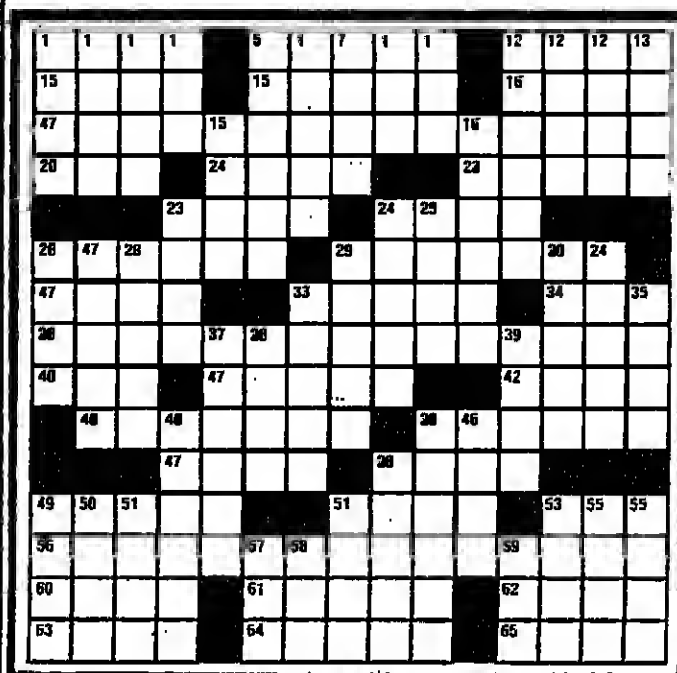
Borg last played a tour event in Monte Carlo in April this year.

THE Daily Crossword By Marie West

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Jackson told he could wreck almost everyone's election hopes

NEW YORK (R) — A prominent pollster has told black civil rights leader Jesse Jackson that his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination could determine the result of next year's election.

Pollster Lou Harris, appearing with Mr. Jackson at a press conference Tuesday night, said that if Mr. Jackson's voter registration drive brought enough new black and hispanic electors to the polls next November there could be no way President Reagan could win re-election.

But Mr. Harris said that if Mr. Jackson lost the Democratic presidential nomination and then ran as an independent, he saw no way the Democrats could recapture the White House.

Mr. Harris replied that it was not his intention now to mount an independent run for the presidency. He added: "We intend to fight for a new covenant with the Democratic Party. We want a fair return on our investment."

The 42-year-old Baptist min-

ister and civil rights leader announced on Sunday that he would enter the battle for the Democratic presidential nomination.

He will make his formal presidential announcement speech on Thursday in Washington.

According to Harris, Mr. Jackson does not stand a chance of winning the Democratic nomination but will come third among the eight contenders.

Mr. Jackson, however, said he thought he had a chance, if only a mathematical one. He added that the point of his candidacy was to lead thousands of blacks and hispanics into fighting for nominations to other offices in 1984.

Mr. Harris said his latest figures showed Mr. Jackson with seven per cent of Democratic support, compared with front-runner Wal-

ter Mondale's 43 per cent and 23 per cent for Sen. John Glenn, who is in second place.

The pollster also said that Mr. Mondale had a clear lead of 43 to 28 per cent over Mr. Jackson in support from blacks.

Mr. Jackson rejected charges made earlier in the day by Rabbi Meir Kahane, the head of the militant Jewish Defence League, that he was anti-semitic.

At a press conference in New York, Rabbi Kahane called Mr. Jackson "an anti-semitic pig" and said he would show up at Mr. Jackson's Washington speech on Thursday to disrupt it.

Mr. Jackson said he wanted to set the record straight by stating clearly that he supported the right of Israel to exist within secure boundaries.

The black leader's relations with some members of the U.S. Jewish community have been strained since he made a fact-finding trip to the Middle East on which he met Palestine Liberation Org-

anisation (PLO) chief Yasser Arafat.

Glenn vs. Glenn

Mr. Harris also said that Sen. Glenn's campaign for nomination is being hurt by the new film "The Right Stuff", which tells of his career as an astronaut.

"There is no question that the film 'The Right Stuff' is hurting Glenn because it is making people think of him as only an astronaut and they are forgetting that he has had eight years in the U.S. Senate," Mr. Harris said.

The pollster added: "He has to break through as a serious issues candidate. People are thinking he is not qualified to be president."

Mr. Harris said that his polls also showed gains by Mr. Mondale against President Reagan and the two men were roughly equal in voter preference.

"But there is also a strong underlying tide to Democrats among voters who are shying away from extremism," he said.



Bishop Muzorewa with Lord Carrington in 1980

Lawyer visits detained Zimbabwe ex-premier

HARARE (R) — Detained former Prime Minister Bishop Abel Muzorewa has been allowed to see a lawyer, but there is still no indication of when he might be freed, a spokesman for the Zimbabwe cleric's party said Wednesday.

Edward Mazaiwana, secretary-general of the United African National Council (UANC), told Reuters: "I am sick to my heart and deeply depressed. He could be held for days, or weeks or indefinitely."

Mr. Mazaiwana said a lawyer was given permission to see the 58-year-old bishop Tuesday afternoon after he was arrested on Monday in a probe into South African-connected subversion.

COLUMNS 7&8

S. Korean photographer poisons mistress

SEOUL (R) — A death sentence on a photographer who poisoned his mistress to capture her death throes as art was upheld Wednesday by a Seoul appeals court, court officials said. Lee Dong-Shik, 42, an ex-convict and member of the Korean photographic artists association, was convicted of killing Kim Kyong-Hee, 24, last December to take pictures of her dying moments. Evidence presented to the court included a series of photographs showing her slowly dying on a mountain south of Seoul, the officials said.

Fires kill 6 on board U.S. carrier

WASHINGTON (R) — Six people were killed and 35 injured in two fires Tuesday on the U.S. aircraft carrier Ranger during exercises in the Indian Ocean, the navy said. It said the fires were in the machinery rooms of the conventionally powered 60,000-ton carrier. Navy officials said the carrier was continuing on its operations but because of damage to some of its machinery was using only three of its four engines. They said the cause of the fires had not yet been determined but an investigation was in progress.

Aide disagrees with Marcos' intention

MANILA (R) — President Ferdinand Marcos' statement designating Prime Minister Cesar Virata as his successor if he could not continue in office was "extremely dangerous," a senior Philippine government official said Wednesday. Assemblyman Arturo Tolentino, minister of state for foreign affairs, was the first member of Mr. Marcos' ruling New Society Movement (KBL) to speak out against the latest presidential pronouncement on succession. He said Mr. Marcos' statement that Premier Virata, as chairman of the "inner cabinet" executive committee, would be his successor "is not only unconstitutional but also extremely dangerous."

Chinese soldiers' morals questioned

PEKING (R) — Chinese soldiers pin up pictures from girlie magazines and listen to pop music, and it is all the fault of the West, according to a local Chinese newspaper. The Yangcheng Evening News said "decadent bourgeois ideas and lifestyles had infected the army like a disease." It quoted You Taizhong, the regional commander of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) in the southern city of Canton, as saying the army needed to fight "moral pollution."

About 650 Thai rebels surrender

YALA, Thailand (R) — The Thai government Wednesday accepted the formal surrender of about 650 communist guerrillas and Muslim separatists in this southern Thai town. The surrender took place in a festive atmosphere, with an elephant show, Thai dancing, and traditional martial arts display preceding the pledge of allegiance. Military supreme commander Gen. Arthit Komlang-ek presided at the surrender, held at an army base camp.

The day they bombed 'Bedlam'

By Robert Basler

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada (R) — The young mental patient took a break from crawling in chalk on the walls of his cell and whispered his memories of the day of the bombing.

"All the attendants ran away to the fort to hide," he said, "and they sent the planes to get me."

It has been a week since the

280-bed psychiatric hospital on Richmond Hill was bombed at the start of the U.S.-led invasion of Grenada and men from a local undertaker's still come looking for bodies.

They seldom leave empty handed.

So far there have been no large-scale efforts by men and machines to separate the flattened storeys, so nobody knows yet exactly how many

bodies remain.

The hospital's own tally of the dead is 12, the undertaker's total is 16. There is a general belief that the number will rise, a belief strongly supported by the all-pervading stench.

Hospital workers were quick to say that they do not blame the Americans. They said invasion day was a time of wild confusion, with Grenadian soldiers firing from the hospital grounds at U.S. planes, drawing return fire and bombs on themselves, the staff and the inmates.

Velma Spair, an attendant who worked all through "D-day," said that as fighting continued through the morning the Grenadian People's Revolutionary Army (PRA) grew desperate for manpower.

"They came in here looking for people to help them," she said.

U.K. mass killer described as 'cool, cunning liar'

LONDON (R) — Mass strangler Dennis Nilsen was described to a jury as a cool, cunning liar who chose to murder and enjoyed it. "You are dealing with someone who likes killing people," prosecutor Allan Green told the jury in his closing speech of the seven-day-old trial.

The 37-year-old civil servant,

who served briefly as a trainee policeman, admits only the lesser charge of manslaughter on the grounds of a mental disorder.

The prosecutor said Nilsen, who burned his victims on bonfires or boiled them after dissecting the bodies, relished a "power of life, power of death."

"He thought he had powers of

life and death without being discovered," Mr. Green said.

"On some occasions he is ultra-cautious and bluffs his way out. On other occasions he takes a chance — excitement as well as fear."

Mr. Green said the defence case was that "he could not really help it." The prosecution was saying: "Oh yes he could."

"He is a man who was free to choose and did choose who to leave alone, who to kill, who to relieve. Greater power hath no man than this," Mr. Green told the jury.

Mr. Green called Nilsen intelligent, articulate, cunning, cool and resourceful, declaring: "There is no doubt whatever he liked killing people and derived

satisfaction and enjoyment from it. Whether it is coupled with a sexual motive as well is a matter for you."

Defence psychiatrists testified that he detached himself from the killings and saw his victims as objects, not people.

A psychiatrist testifying for the prosecution said Tuesday he had studied Nilsen and found no evidence of any mental disorder.

Paul Bowden said neither killing people nor the overwhelming desire to kill was in itself a sign of personality disorder.

Dr. Bowden said Nilsen was not the detached, unbalanced killer portrayed by his lawyers but had shown sadness and even remorse in interviews with him.

Nakasone plans to hold elections around Dec. 18

TOKYO (R) — Aides of Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone said Wednesday he had decided to dissolve parliament later this month and call a general election for around Dec. 18.

His decision had been conveyed to senior officials of the government and of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), the aides said.

Mr. Nakasone's decision was aimed at breaking the political deadlock in Japan that followed the conviction of former Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka on Oct. 12 for taking a \$2 million bribe from Lockheed Aircraft Corporation.

Mr. Tanaka, 65, was sentenced

to four years imprisonment for taking the bribe to promote sales of Lockheed aircraft while he was prime minister from 1972 to 1974.

Opposition parties have boycotted parliament, hoping to force Mr. Tanaka's resignation from the house of representatives. But Mr. Tanaka, still a powerful backstage figure nine years after leaving office, refused to quit and Mr. Nakasone declined to make him go.

Most opposition leaders are in favour of an early election, hoping the Tanaka scandal will cost the LDP votes, but some LDP leaders believe the effect of the Tanaka case will have worn off by December.

Non-party elections good for Pakistan, Zia says

NEW DELHI (R) — Pakistani President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq was quoted Wednesday as saying he favours returning the country to democracy through non-party polls to avoid divisive partisan politics.

He told the Indian Express newspaper a non-party election would be strictly one-off measure to ease the change from six years of military government to civilian rule.

In an interview in Rawalpindi, Gen. Zia said he was leaning towards excluding parties because Pakistan might not be able to take "the strain of the open polarisation and confrontation that must ensue."

If he permitted a party contest "at this delicate stage of our history," agreements and factions would tend to jeopardise the six-year effort he had made to rejuvenate Pakistan, the paper quoted him as saying.

The nine-party Movement for

the Restoration of Democracy, led by the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) of executed former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, responded by organising anti-government protests.

In the front-page interview with Express editor George Verghese, reported mostly in indirect speech, Gen. Zia was quoted as saying the PPP and some other parties had attempted to whip up a frenzy against the government in the name of restoring democracy.

Gen. Zia said it was necessary to keep the PPP "at bay" through a non-party poll. Once elected, members could regroup in their old parties, since there had to be some political apparatus.

Gen. Zia said he did not envisage a new political system in Pakistan.

He was quoted as saying opposition agitation was past its peak, though it might continue at a low level until elections.

THE WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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FLORICULTURE

By Louis Santrey

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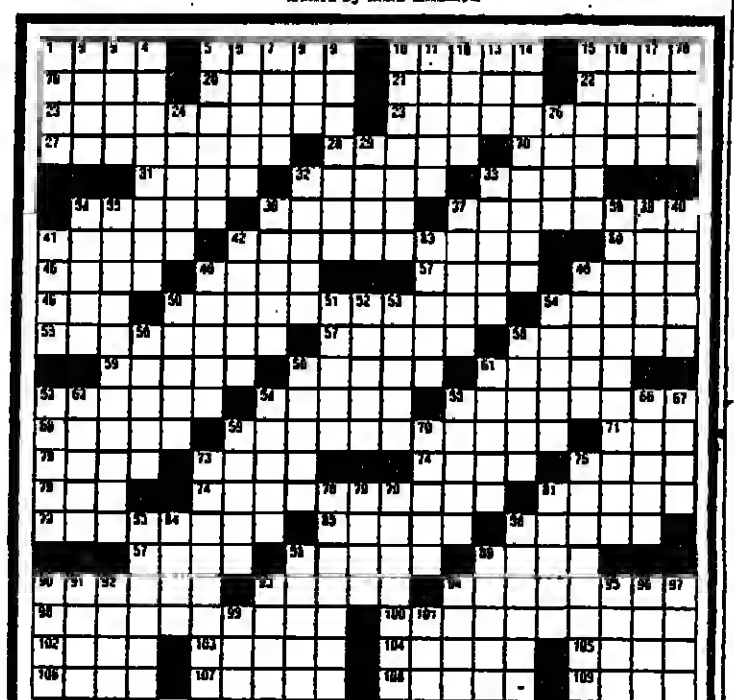
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Last Week's Cryptograms

1. A plentiful and cheap new energy source is waiting patiently to be found—right about now.
2. When I do mental calculations, I always and much later than with my calculator.
3. A real hopeless loser; she's neither pretty, witty nor wise.
4. The mad pretty poodle bites little boy's pet hamster.

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. DIS CERN EK ERUTZ BU QWEYTNVUD KWEZ
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—By Reba Dew

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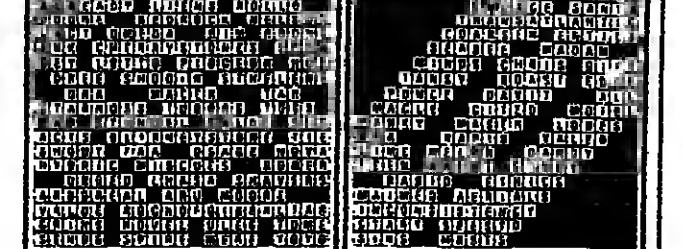
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